GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3339
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2000
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT ON MINING PROJECTS
SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has sponsored any discussion and workshop regarding environmental effect on mining projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of problems and their intensity emerged as a result thereof;

(c) the suggestions / recommendations made therein; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Environment & Forests in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank organised a training workshop at Lucknow in January, 1988. Case studies of projects in different sectors including mining sector were presented. The environmental issues identified for mining sector covers resettlement, land reclamation, water, noise and air pollution.

(c)&(d) The need for integrating the environmental aspects in the projects right at the inception stage and training and institutional development for environmental assessment was emphasised. The present guidelines and EIA Notification of 1994 as amended on 10.04.1997 cover the suggestions made in the workshop.